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REF: A. BA 3839, B. BA 4401, C. BA 4702, D. BA A-315, E. BA 3931

1. JULY 29 BUENOS AIRES PRESS REPORTS THAT GOA HAS ISSUED THREE DECREES RELEASEING FUNDS TO FONOFF TO OPEN EMBASSIES " INCLUDING CONSULAR SECTIONS - IN HAVANA, THE EAST GERMAN SECTOR OF BERLIN AND PYONGYANG. FONOFF JULY 20 HAD INDICATED THIS STEP IMMINENT AND HAD ADDED THAT LESSER OFFICIALS WOULD TRAVEL TO CAPITALS TO MAKE INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO DESIGNATIONS OF MISSION CHIEFS.

2. COMMENT. GOA AND GOVT OF CUBA ESTABLISHED RELATIONS MAY 28 THROUGH A JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS PUIG AND ROA IN BUENOS AIRES (REF A). CUBAN AMBASSADOR EMILIO ARAGONES NAVARRO PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT CAMPORA JUNE 29
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(REFS B AND C); FOLLOWING CAMPORA'S RESIGNATION, HE CALLED

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ON PERON JULY 25. EMBASSY APPRECIATES STATE A-6276 TRANSMITTING ARAGONES NAVARRO BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.

3. GOA AND GOVT OF GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR) ESTABLISHED RELATIONS JUNE 25 THROUGH A JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED IN BUENOS AIRES BY ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER PUIG AND GDR AMBASSADOR TO CHILE (REF D).

4. GOA AND GOVT OF NORTH KOREA (DPRK) ESTABLISHED RELATIONS JUNE 1 THROUGH A JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED IN BUENOS AIRES BY ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER PUIG AND DPRK VICE PRESIDENT (REF E). PRESS REPORTS INDICATE DPRK HAS ACTED ON JOINT DECLARATION INTENTION "TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN PARTICULAR" INQUIRING ABOUT POSSIBLE PURCHASE FROM ARGENTINA OF BEEF, BONE MEAL, INEDIBLE TALLOW, AND FISHMEAL (BA 5396). THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA LEFT BUENOS AIRES FOR SEOUL JUNE 25, BUT WITHIN A MONTH HAD RETURNED, TO EMBASSY'S BEST KNOWLEDGE, WITH INTENTION TO REMAIN (REF A).

5. NO MOVES TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM HAVE SURFACED SINCE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEATION ATTENDED CAMPOR INAUGURATION. THE LIKELIHOOD OF THIS MEASURE MATERIALIZING HAS BEEN REDUCED SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER PUIG (TOGETHER WITH OTHER TOPSIDE, YOUNG, LEFTIST FONOFF OFFICIALS) WAS REPLACED BY ALBERTO VIGNES JULY 16. FLAMBOYANT, RADICAL FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN LESS IN EVIDENCE IN RECENT DAYS.
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